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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NAM HAN PAPER MFG. CO. EXPANSION

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

NAM HAN PAPER MANUFACTURING CO., LTD., A MEMBER OF THE
IL SHIN GROUP (SILK, ELECTRONICS, CONSTRUCTION, NEWSPAPER,
RADIO AND A UNIVERSITY), SEEKS PRODUCT INFORMATION PACKAGES
(INCLUDING PRICES AND SPECS) RE A PRODUCTION LINE FOR
FINE QUALITY WRITING AND PRINTING PAPER. FIRM WHICH
IS ONE OF 3 LARGEST KOREAN TISSUE PAPER PRODUCERS (ANNUAL
SALES \$20 MILLION) DESIRES LATEST U.S. EQUIPMENT TO MAKE
APPROXIMATELY 150 TO 200 METRIC TONS PER DAY. SPEED OF THE
EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE ABOUT 600 INCHES PER MINUTE WITH A WIRE
WIDTH OF 170 INCHES TO PRODUCE PAPER WEIGHING BETWEEN 30
TO 100 GRAMS PER SQUARE METER.

2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE:

MR. HWANG EUI-KWON
MANAGER, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
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NAM HAN PAPER MFG. CO., LTD.
CPO BOX 1169, SEOUL, KOREA
(CABLE ADDRESS "TISSPAPER" - TEL. 267-4191/5)

3. COST AND FINANCING:

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE UNKNOWN AND HAVE NOT BEEN ARRANGED,

BUT NAM HAN BELIEVES IT CAN OBTAIN FINANCING LOCALLY.
NEVERTHELESS NAM HAN WOULD ALSO WELCOME FOREIGN SUPPLIERS
CREDITS FROM U.S. FIRMS. NO REPEAT NO CONSULTANT SERVICES
OR TECHNICAL LICENSING ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PROJECT.

4. EXPECTED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:

MR. HWANG EXPECTS THAT INVESTIGATION OF SOURCES AND
SELECTION OF EQUIPMENT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE END OF
1978 AND PURCHASE CAN BE CONTRACTED BY JANUARY 1979.

5. POTENTIAL U.S. SALES:

NAM HAN DESIRES COMPLETE EQUIPMENT FOR A FINE WRITING AND
PRINTING PAPER LINE INCLUDING COMPUTERIZED CONTROL
CAPABILITY. HE HAS IDENTIFIED THE "TWINVER FORMER" LINE
PRODUCED BY THE BELOIT CO., 1 ST. LAWRENCE AVENUE, BELOIT,
WISC. 53511, AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF EQUIPMENT
IN WHICH NAM HAN IS INTERESTED. ADDITIONALLY, THE BLACK
CLAWSON, INC. LINE CALLED "VERTI-FORMA" MACHINERY IS OF
INTEREST. HOWEVER, MR. HWANG UNDERSTANDS THAT IT IS PRODUCED
UNDER CLAWSON LICENSE IN JAPAN, AND IF SO, NAM HAN WOULD
NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER IT. BLACK CLAWSON INC. IS LOCATED AT
605 CLARK STREET, MIDDLETOWN, OHIO 45042.

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MR. HWANG DESIRES INFORMATION ONLY ON U.S. EQUIPMENT MADE
IN THE U.S. BECAUSE, TECHNOLOGICAL AND DURABILITY QUESTIONS
ASIDE, JAPANESE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO BE LICENSED
FOR IMPORT INTO KOREA. ALTHOUGH HE HAS IDENTIFIED TWO
PARTICULAR U.S. MANUFACTURERS, HE DOES NOT NECESSARILY
WISH HIS CONSIDERATION TO BE LIMITED SOLELY TO TWO FIRMS IF
COMPARABLE EQUIPMENT IS PRODUCED BY OTHERS. REQUEST
MEPD ALERT BELOIT AND BLACK CLAWSON INC. TO NAM HAN'S
INTEREST TOGETHER WITH OTHER U.S. PRODUCERS OF ADVANCED
MACHINERY FOR QUALITY WRITING AND PRINTING PAPERS.
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